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## COMMENT UPON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed December 13, 2005, to the extent the Examiner's statements differ from a mere restatement of the claim language, Applicants traverse those statements. Applicants further traverse the statements and reasoning of the Examiner insofar as it would lead to or suggest an interpretation of the claimed invention different from the full extent of claim scope afforded by established law in the absence of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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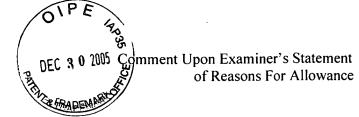
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